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OF 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. PROFESSOR HUGH PHILP, MEMBER OF THE UNESCO  
EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM AUSTRALIA, TOLD US MARCH 30  
THAT EXBD BUREAU IS CURRENTLY MEETING TO DISCUSS A  
NUMBER OF ISSUES, INCLUDING PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE  
20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

2. ONE PROBLEM IS SELECTION OF A GENERAL CONFERENCE  
PRESIDENT. CANADIANS ARE PUSHING NAPOLEON LE BLANC,  
FORMER EXBD MEMBER WHOM PHILP REGARDS AS INCAPABLE OF  
RIDING HERD ON A MAJOR CONFERENCE. PHILP DID NOT SAY  
THAT THE BUREAU WAS DISCUSSING THE PRESIDENCY IN THESE  
BLUNT TERMS, BUT HE IS CLEARLY WORRIED ABOUT PROSPECT  
OF A LE BLANC PRESIDENCY.

3. THE 20 C/5 (PROGRAM AND BUDGET) IS THE MOST  
UNWIELDY, DENSE, AND DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND C/5  
UNESCO HAS YET PRODUCED. IT RUNS TO OVER 500 PAGES.

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THE BUREAU THINKS THAT A SPECIAL GUIDE SHOULD BE PRE-  
PARED TO ASSIST DELEGATIONS IN THREADING THEIR WAY  
THROUGH IT. PHILP COMMENTED THAT NOW THAT UNESCO HAS  
AN APPROVED MEDIUM TERM PLAN, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
EASIER THAN IT WAS PREVIOUSLY TO PREPARE THE PROGRAM  
AND BUDGET, THAT IT SHOULD SIMPLY HAVE BEEN THE SECOND  
TWO-YEAR SEGMENT OF THE SIX-YEAR MEDIUM TERM PLAN.

4. THE BUREAU WRESTLED WITH THE PERENNIAL PROBLEM OF  
HOW TO KEEP DELEGATES FROM TALKING AT SUCH GREAT  
LENGTH, BUT CAME UP WITH NO SOLUTION.  
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